




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: January 18, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Specified Excess Funds to allow the City of Long Beach to apply for \$200,000 for improvements to the Drake-Chavez Greenbelt Park project, a designated Los Angeles River project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing assignment of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Proposition A Specified Excess Funds to allow the City of Long Beach to apply for \$200,000 for improvements to the Drake-Chavez Greenbelt Park project, a designated Los Angeles River project.

Background: Through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (see attached letter dated December 22, 2004), the Fourth Supervisorial District contacted staff about the use of Proposition A Excess Funds for a project along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach. Expenditure of the subject Specified Excess Funds for Los Angeles River projects requires consensus between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the subject Supervisor. The proposed project would create a greenbelt linking Drake and Chavez Parks along the eastern bank of the Los Angeles River. The subject funding is proposed to acquire land needed for the greenbelt. The subject property meets all the requirements of a good Los Angeles River project. The City of Long Beach would enter into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and no further work is required of the MRCA.